

NZ Safety Alert

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Let's work together to keep ourselves and our workers safe.

Working under suspended load

The bin of a dump truck was being replaced in a workshop. The bin was suspended when workers were observed under the bin to pin the rock ejectors and position supporting blocks.

Further investigation also determined that the rigging was incorrectly assembled and that workers had worked at heights without fall protection when accessing the bin to install the rigging.

A working at heights platform for access to such jobs was available but not used.



[MinEx data](#) on incidents with the potential to cause harm over the past 5 years show 16% (898 incidents) of all incidents involve falls of which 337 resulted from fall of equipment.

You need to ensure:

1. Safe Operating Procedures are continually reviewed and kept up to date.
2. All workers are familiar with SOPs including the appropriate equipment to use for the task.
3. Prestart meetings include any discussion on high-risk tasks to be completed on the shift.
4. Regular workplace inspections are conducted to identify unsafe behaviour and other activities that could put workers at risk of harm.

Know of an incident or near miss? Please share the learnings with us.